

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 29, 2005. Claims 1 to 17 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 8 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned attorney during a March 21, 2006 telephonic interview. During that interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner reached an agreement regarding amendments to the claims. Applicant's representative submits that the foregoing amendments and following remarks reflect the entire substance of the agreement.

Claims 1 to 17 were objected to as allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention or discovery. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the term "image information" and suggested that "image data" is more appropriate. "Image information" having been changed herein to "image data" throughout the claims, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 was objected to for an informality. The dependency of Claim 16 having been changed herein from "13" to -- 1-- , withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,453,127 (Wood) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,469,796 (Leiman). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

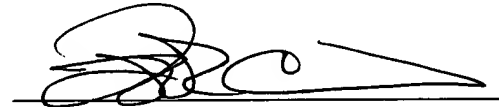
As agreed upon with the Examiner, the independent claims, namely Claims 1 and 8, have been amended to clarify that the information processing apparatus is connected via a network to a plurality of terminal devices, the information processing apparatus for instructing a specified terminal device of the plurality of terminal devices to transfer image data to a printer in

response to a print request received by the information processing apparatus and that an order management database is used to store management information about the image data stored in the specified terminal device. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 1 and 8 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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